

Please replace the Specification paragraph on page 1, lines 19-27 as shown below:

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The prior art bent tubes are deformed in the upper bending corners and have thin walls in the attachment areas, which results in a high shear stress. The thin attachment areas require a splint or insert to be inserted therein to reduce the shear stress. Furthermore, for attachment of the head rest guide tubes, apertures must be bored through both sides of the back frame tube, which may be awkward and may unnecessarily increase manufacturing costs. A prior method for securing the head rest guide tubes to the back frame includes welding the head rest guide tubes to the back frame.

Please replace the Specification paragraphs beginning on page 2, lines 7-29 and continuing to page 3, lines 1-26 as shown below:

Under the invention, a method is provided for attaching a head rest guide tube to a seat back frame including a substantially flat section having opposing sides with an aperture formed therethrough. The method includes inserting the guide tube into the aperture, and swaging the guide tube over the flat section, whereby to secure the guide tube within the aperture.

Further under the invention, a method of attaching a head rest guide tube to a seat back frame having an aperture extending therethrough includes inserting the guide tube into the aperture, and swaging the guide tube to form a swaged portion engaged with the seat back frame to thereby secure the guide tube to the seat back frame.

Advantageously, under the method of the invention, the guide tube may be attached to the seat back frame without welding.

The method described above may also include swaging the guide tube to form an additional swaged portion on the guide tube, wherein the additional swaged portion cooperates with the swaged portion to secure the guide tube to the seat back frame.